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RESPONSE

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Sir:

The following is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated 9 January 2006, from Examiner Anna Gofman of Art Unit 1771.

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I certify that I have transmitted this document via facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to the central facsimile receiving number of +1.571.273.8300, this 2nd day of May, 2006.

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<u>STATUS</u>

Claims 1-23 are pending in the above-captioned patent application and have been rejected.

NO EXCESS CLAIMS FEE DUE

Applicant has submitted the fee for twenty-three (23) total claims and four (4) independent claims. This Response results in twenty-three (23) total claims and four (4) independent claims and no excess claims fee is due.

<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</u>

A separate Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 of one (1) month up to and including 9 May 2006 and the appropriate fee under 37 CFR 1.17 is enclosed.